

Vermont Public School Dropout and High School Completion Report

For the 2002-2003 School Year

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Executive Summary

In previous years, the Vermont Department of Education has published an event dropout and high school completion rate in two separate reports. In the past year, an estimated cohort completion rate has also been published from the department. This year, the event dropout and completion data are reported in a single report along with an estimated cohort completion rate. The change reflects the department's commitment to streamline data management.

Dropout Rates

The dropout section of this report presents and summarizes information on students in grades 7 through 12 who withdrew from secondary schools in Vermont during the 2002-2003 school year and the preceding summer. Data included in this report were collected as part of the Department of Education's 2003 Register Data Collection.

A dropout by state and federal definition is an individual student who is not enrolled in an approved educational program and who has not graduated from high school. In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout for the purposes of this report. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program. Appendix A is a guide published by the National Center of Education Statistics to clarify whether a student no longer attending school is classified as a dropout.

In FY03, the overall Vermont event dropout rate for grades 7 through 12 was 2.31%, while the rate for grades 9 through 12 was 3.45%, and the rate for 10 through 12 was 4.08%. These figures are comparable to national and regional data for FY2000 which indicate that, nationally $5.0 \pm 0.5\%$ of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out; while regionally, in the Northeast $3.9 \pm 0.5\%$ of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out ¹.

Completion Rates

We are reporting two separate completion rates in this report. The event completion rate represents the percentage of 12th grade students who were promoted from Vermont High Schools in the 2002-2003 school year. The statewide 02-03 event completion rate for twelfth graders is 90%. To calculate this rate we simply divide the number of promoted 12th graders by the adjusted enrollment of 12th graders during the same school year (see below for a definition of adjusted enrollment).

The longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the total number of graduates in a particular class (in this report the class of 2003) and dividing it by the cumulative number of dropouts over the four-year period when the specified class would have attended high school.

¹ National Center for Education Statistics (2001). Dropout Rates in the United States: 2000, Page 19-21.

This rate attempts to estimate the graduation rate for a single class of students when actual cohort data are unavailable. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2003 is 84%. This completion rate has been reported previously from Vermont's Department of Education, but this is the first year it has been included in this report.

It is important to note that the longitudinal completion rate has real limitations. It cannot account for students who may dropout and re-enroll in either the same school or another the following year. The rate includes both graduates and dropouts who may not have been part of the original cohort that started in the school in the ninth grade. However, until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

Data Collection Methodology

The data used to calculate the event rates included in this report were collected in the Register Data Collection Survey conducted during July 2003. The longitudinal completion rates include data reported in the same collection in the previous three years. The register data collection includes a count of students who were promoted from one grade to the next (or graduated in the case of 12th graders), students not promoted, students receiving GEDs from a public high school, students transferring to other schools, students who withdraw from school during the school year or previous summer, and students who are deceased. This report includes data from all public schools and the five independent schools: Bellows Free Academy, Burr & Burton, Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy and Thetford Academy.

The Register data are used to calculate the adjusted enrollment that serves as the denominator for both the event dropout rate and the event completion rate. The adjusted enrollment estimates the membership of the school by counting all of the students except those who transferred to other educational programs or died during the school year. The adjusted enrollment for any particular grade or group of grades is calculated as follows.

Adjusted Enrollment =

(Promoted + Receiving a GED + Not Promoted + School year dropouts + Preceding Summer Dropouts)

Dropout Rates

An event dropout rate is simply the number of dropouts in a particular grade level, divided by the adjusted enrollment for that grade level in a single school year. For instance, the 9-12th grade dropout rate is:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Event} \\ \text{Dropout} \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} = \frac{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Dropout Counts}}{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

Completion Rates

Similarly, an event completion rate is the number of promoted 12th graders divided by the adjusted enrollment of 12th grade in a given school year.

$$\text{Event Completion Rate} = \frac{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

An estimated four-year high school completion rate or longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the number of high school completers by the cumulative count of high school dropouts plus the completers for the four years between 9th and 12th grade.

$$\text{Longitudinal (Estimated Four-Year High School) Completion Rate} = \frac{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted, plus} \\ \text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in current year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in previous year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 10}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts two years prior, plus} \\ \text{Reported 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts three years prior}}$$

Results

Dropout Data

Grade by Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide, 7th and 8th grade dropout levels move below .1%, while dropout rates in high school vary from 1.69% in the 9th grade to 4.64% in the 11th grade. In FY03 the dropout rate for 7th through 12th grades declined compared to FY02 and continued to decline in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 since FY01.

Table 1: Grade-by-Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	7-12	9-12
FY 96	0.17%	0.30%	3.22%	4.65%	6.46%	7.25%	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97	0.14%	0.23%	3.26%	4.25%	6.21%	6.60%	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	0.07%	0.10%	3.39%	5.06%	6.07%	6.11%	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	0.22%	0.19%	2.90%	4.38%	5.99%	5.19%	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	0.15%	0.23%	3.15%	4.38%	5.76%	5.66%	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	0.06%	0.11%	2.92%	4.53%	5.70%	5.69%	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	0.12%	0.25%	2.22%	3.74%	4.80%	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	0.04%	0.05%	1.69%	3.35%	4.64%	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%

Dropout Trends for 1993 through 2003

As shown in Table 2 and Figure 1, the total number of dropouts and the dropout rate in grades 7 - 12th and grades 9 - 12th increased slightly each year and peaked in FY 1996. These numbers have been on the decline since. In FY 2003, the dropout rates for grades 7-12th and grades 9-12th are at the lowest in the past ten years.

Table 2: Dropout Trends for 1993 through 2003

Year	Adjusted Enrollment		Number of Dropouts							Total Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	7 th -12 th	9 th -12 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th		7-12 th	9-12 th	7-12 th	9-12 th
FY 93	41,782	26,964	54	39	217	235	315	319		1,179	1,086	2.82%	4.02%
FY 94*	42,687	27,377	40	35	200	306	366	397		1,344	1,269	3.15%	4.64%
FY 95*	44,320	28,431	37	38	210	306	402	424		1,417	1,342	3.20%	4.72%
FY 96*	45,364	29,006	14	24	262	347	446	472		1,565	1,527	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97*	46,790	29,935	12	19	277	327	443	437		1,515	1,484	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	47,661	31,329	6	8	300	406	448	432		1,600	1,586	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	48,218	31,856	18	16	260	363	451	367		1,475	1,441	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	48,112	31,936	12	19	274	364	446	407		1,522	1,491	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	47,584	31,676	5	9	247	362	443	423		1,489	1,475	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	48,544	32,423	10	20	193	309	371	393		1,296	1,266	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	48,359	32,208	3	4	144	276	363	329		1,119	1,112	2.31%	3.45%

*Based on October 1 enrollment from previous year (ex: FY94 figure is enrollment as of October 1, 1993).

Figure 1

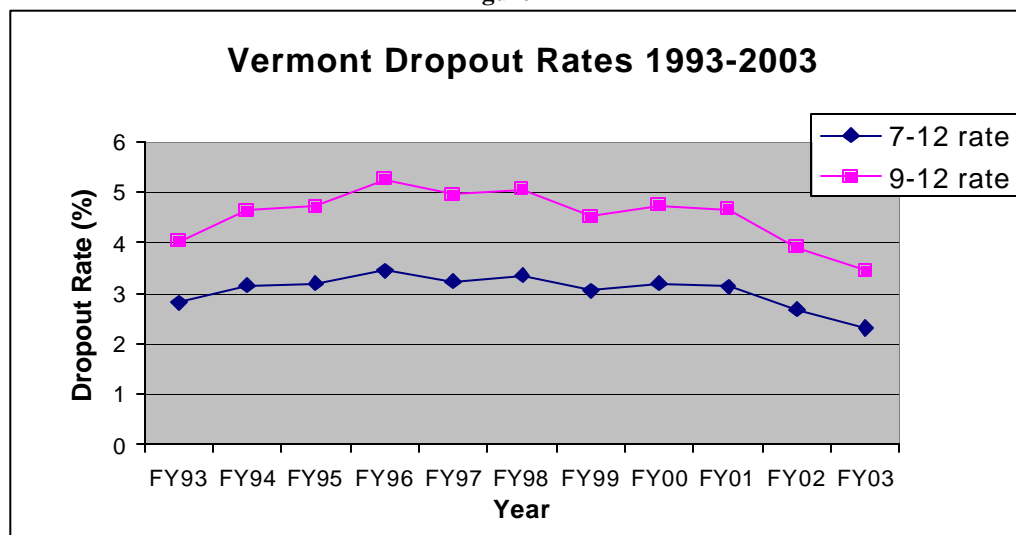


Table 3 shows 1993 and 2003 dropout rates by grade level. When 1993 dropout rates are compared to 2003 figures, decreases are seen in grades 7 through 12 with the largest changes in 9th and 12th grade.

Table 3: Ten Year Comparison of Dropout Rates by Grade Level

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>2003</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
7	.71%	0.04%	-0.67%
8	.53%	0.05%	- 0.48%
9	3.37%	1.69%	- 1.68%
10	3.91%	3.35%	- 0.56%
11	5.50%	4.64%	- 0.86%
12	5.55%	4.31%	-1.24%

Vermont Public School Dropout Data for School Year 2002-2003

Table 4, beginning on the following page, shows schools listed alphabetically and includes the adjusted enrollment, the number of dropouts, and the event dropout rate for the grades 7 through 12th individually. A grade span rate for grades 7 through 12th and 9 through 12th is also calculated.

Vermont Public School Dropouts For School Year 2002-2003

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8083	3	0.04%	8068	4	0.05%	8528	144	1.69%	8231	276	3.35%	7824	363	4.64%	7625	329	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%
Albany Community School	14	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Albert D. Lawton School	130	2	1.54%	137	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.75%	0.00%
Alburt Community Ed Center	29	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arlington Memorial	40	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	47	1	2.13%	43	0	0.00%	35	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	0.40%	0.59%
Bakersfield School	19	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barnet Elementary School	17	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barre City Elem/Middle School	106	0	0.00%	96	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barre Town Elementary School	115	0	0.00%	129	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barstow Memorial School	40	0	0.00%	43	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barton Graded School	27	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bellows Falls Middle School	83	0	0.00%	98	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bellows Falls UHSD #27	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	130	6	4.62%	141	11	7.80%	122	11	9.02%	111	7	6.31%	6.94%	6.94%
Bellows Free Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	332	5	1.51%	297	17	5.72%	272	17	6.25%	231	11	4.76%	4.42%	4.42%
Bellows Free Academy	98	0	0.00%	81	0	0.00%	76	0	0.00%	99	4	4.04%	84	8	9.52%	92	6	6.52%	3.40%	5.13%
Benson Village School	16	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Berkshire Elementary School	22	0	0.00%	24	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Black River USD #39	48	0	0.00%	44	0	0.00%	57	2	3.51%	55	5	9.09%	49	4	8.16%	37	0	0.00%	3.79%	5.56%
Blue Mountain USD #21	35	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	35	0	0.00%	31	2	6.45%	41	4	9.76%	37	3	8.11%	4.13%	6.25%
Bratt. Area Middle Sch UHSD #6	161	0	0.00%	130	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	220	1	0.45%	289	11	3.81%	243	16	6.58%	296	33	11.15%	5.82%	5.82%
Bridport Central School	7	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Brighton Elementary School	16	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Browns River Middle USD #17	125	0	0.00%	125	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Burke Town School	19	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Burlington Senior High Sch	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	320	4	1.25%	305	12	3.93%	237	18	7.59%	236	15	6.36%	4.46%	4.46%
Burr & Burton Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	141	0	0.00%	140	0	0.00%	152	1	0.66%	112	0	0.00%	0.18%	0.18%
Cabot School	21	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Camels Hump Middle USD #17	122	0	0.00%	123	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Canaan Schools	21	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	41	4	9.76%	30	0	0.00%	35	2	5.71%	26	1	3.85%	4.27%	5.30%
Castleton-Hubbardton USD#42	66	1	1.52%	62	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.78%	0.00%
Champlain Valley UHSD #15	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	337	0	0.00%	333	2	0.60%	306	10	3.27%	278	9	3.24%	1.67%	1.67%
Charleston Elem. School	12	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charlotte Central School	67	0	0.00%	66	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Chelsea Elem. High School	20	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	42	1	2.38%	25	1	4.00%	36	5	13.89%	4.27%	5.60%
Colchester High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	215	1	0.47%	186	1	0.54%	183	4	2.19%	168	2	1.19%	1.06%	1.06%
Colchester Middle School	196	0	0.00%	190	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Concord Schools	22	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	22	2	9.09%	17	1	5.88%	13	0	0.00%	24	1	4.17%	3.57%	5.26%
Coventry Village School	15	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Craftsbury Schools	20	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	17	1	5.88%	13	3	23.08%	16	0	0.00%	4.04%	6.35%
Crossett Brook Middle USD #45	93	0	0.00%	95	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Danville School	34	0	0.00%	34	0	0.00%	49	0	0.00%	30	4	13.33%	50	2	4.00%	37	3	8.11%	3.85%	5.42%
Dorset School	24	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dummerston Schools	30	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
East Haven River School	11	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Edmunds Middle School	124	0	0.00%	123	1	0.81%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.40%	0.00%
Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	37	0	0.00%	43	0	0.00%	99	9	9.09%	91	5	5.49%	59	6	10.17%	64	5	7.81%	6.36%	7.99%
Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	392	5	1.28%	421	10	2.38%	382	14	3.66%	380	14	3.68%	2.73%	2.73%
Essex Middle School	196	0	0.00%	177	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Haven Grade School	61	0	0.00%	56	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Haven UHSD #16	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	148	4	2.70%	162	4	2.47%	131	7	5.34%	147	7	4.76%	3.74%	3.74%
Fairfield Center School	36	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Flood Brook USD #20	37	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Folsom Ed. & Community Ctr	24	0	0.00%	24	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle Sch	231	0	0.00%	237	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Georgia Elementary School	85	0	0.00%	69	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Glover Village School	11	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grand Isle Elem. School	24	0	0.00%	30	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Vermont Public School Dropouts For School Year 2002-2003

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8083	3	0.04%	8068	4	0.05%	8528	144	1.69%	8231	276	3.35%	7824	363	4.64%	7625	329	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%
Green Mountain UHSD #35	64	0	0.00%	90	0	0.00%	76	1	1.32%	60	0	0.00%	77	7	9.09%	77	3	3.90%	2.48%	3.79%
Guilford Central School	32	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Halifax West School	10	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hartford High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	243	1	0.41%	203	11	5.42%	184	4	2.17%	166	5	3.01%	2.64%	2.64%
Hartford Mem. Middle School	134	0	0.00%	142	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hartford S.D.	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	2	1	50.00%	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	14.29%	25.00%
Hartland Elementary School	51	0	0.00%	51	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Harwood UHSD #19	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	172	0	0.00%	160	0	0.00%	154	0	0.00%	143	1	0.70%	0.16%	0.16%
Harwood Union Middle UHSD #19	88	0	0.00%	91	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hazen UHSD #26	57	0	0.00%	72	0	0.00%	80	2	2.50%	81	3	3.70%	65	4	6.15%	62	3	4.84%	2.88%	4.17%
Hinesburg Elementary School	73	0	0.00%	74	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Irasburg Village School	16	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lake Region UHSD #24	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	100	3	3.00%	95	2	2.11%	92	6	6.52%	106	6	5.66%	4.33%	4.33%
Lamoille UHSD #18	142	0	0.00%	150	0	0.00%	170	7	4.12%	163	7	4.29%	130	2	1.54%	148	4	2.70%	2.21%	3.27%
Leland & Gray UHSD #34	81	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	73	0	0.00%	88	2	2.27%	81	6	7.41%	53	2	3.77%	2.27%	3.39%
Lowell Village School	10	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lunenburg Schools	19	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	155	0	0.00%	157	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lyndon Institute	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	164	0	0.00%	143	3	2.10%	168	2	1.19%	138	1	0.72%	0.98%	0.98%
Lyndon Town School	80	0	0.00%	88	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Main Street School	106	0	0.00%	112	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Manchester Elem/Middle School	65	0	0.00%	81	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Marlboro Elementary School	11	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	177	0	0.00%	175	1	0.57%	204	7	3.43%	183	10	5.46%	2.44%	2.44%
Middlebury Union Middle Sch #3	189	0	0.00%	166	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mill River USD #40	140	0	0.00%	112	0	0.00%	140	4	2.86%	132	5	3.79%	108	1	0.93%	104	2	1.92%	1.63%	2.48%
Millers Run USD #37	19	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Milton Jr High School	137	0	0.00%	138	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Milton Sr High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	145	4	2.76%	130	6	4.62%	123	5	4.07%	121	3	2.48%	3.47%	3.47%
Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	193	0	0.00%	194	1	0.52%	185	5	2.70%	167	8	4.79%	153	12	7.84%	189	6	3.17%	2.96%	4.47%
Montgomery Center School	13	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Montpelier High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	110	2	1.82%	102	5	4.90%	99	2	2.02%	104	5	4.81%	3.37%	3.37%
Mount Abraham UHSD #28	179	0	0.00%	175	0	0.00%	141	0	0.00%	153	2	1.31%	132	2	1.52%	127	3	2.36%	0.77%	1.27%
Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	358	12	3.35%	308	17	5.52%	299	20	6.69%	316	19	6.01%	5.31%	5.31%
Mt. Anthony Union Middle Sch	296	0	0.00%	290	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	296	1	0.34%	259	3	1.16%	254	4	1.57%	252	6	2.38%	1.32%	1.32%
Newark School	6	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Newport Town School	28	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Newton Elementary School	26	0	0.00%	18	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
North Country Jr UHSD #22	159	0	0.00%	167	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
North Country Sr UHSD #22	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	264	3	1.14%	273	9	3.30%	275	29	10.55%	269	17	6.32%	5.37%	5.37%
North Hero Elem. School	5	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Northfield Middle/High School	65	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	73	2	2.74%	83	6	7.23%	75	2	2.67%	71	7	9.86%	3.94%	5.63%
Norton Village School	3	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Ontop	2	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	6	1	16.67%	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	4.76%	7.69%
Orange Center School	13	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orleans Elementary School	22	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orleans Essex North S.U.	5	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orwell Village School	22	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Otter Valley UHSD #8	128	0	0.00%	113	1	0.88%	157	2	1.27%	115	9	7.83%	103	10	9.71%	135	7	5.19%	3.86%	5.49%
Oxbow UHSD #30	64	0	0.00%	54	0	0.00%	82	2	2.44%	91	2	2.20%	118	7	5.93%	78	6	7.69%	3.49%	4.61%
Peoples Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	108	2	1.85%	99	4	4.04%	89	2	2.25%	91	0	0.00%	2.07%	2.07%
Peoples Academy Middle School	106	0	0.00%	103	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Poultney High School	50	0	0.00%	56	0	0.00%	59	0	0.00%	56	3	5.36%	50	2	4.00%	67	0	0.00%	1.48%	2.16%
Proctor Jr/Sr High School	26	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	28	0	0.00%	44	2	4.55%	32	0	0.00%	1.06%	1.47%
Putney Central School	31	0	0.00%	33	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Randolph UHSD #2	103	0	0.00%	99	0	0.00%	112	1	0.89%	99	4	4.04%	96	1	1.04%	99	3	3.03%	1.48%	2.22%

Vermont Public School Dropouts For School Year 2002-2003

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	8083	3	0.04%	8068	4	0.05%	8528	144	1.69%	8231	276	3.35%	7824	363	4.64%	7625	329	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%
Readsboro Elementary School	10	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Richford Jr/Sr High School	32	0	0.00%	39	1	2.56%	55	2	3.64%	44	2	4.55%	55	4	7.27%	38	0	0.00%	3.42%	4.17%
Rivendell Academy	49	0	0.00%	48	0	0.00%	65	0	0.00%	43	2	4.65%	35	1	2.86%	44	2	4.55%	1.76%	2.67%
Riverside School	99	0	0.00%	137	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Rochester Elem/High School	22	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	16	4	25.00%	28	2	7.14%	4.00%	6.25%
Rutland Middle School	204	0	0.00%	194	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Rutland Senior High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	297	5	1.68%	274	13	4.74%	315	18	5.71%	264	12	4.55%	4.17%	4.17%
Rutland Town Elem School	58	0	0.00%	60	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Shelburne Community School	106	0	0.00%	109	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sheldon Elementary School	42	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
So. Burlington High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	242	1	0.41%	225	6	2.67%	260	14	5.38%	209	6	2.87%	2.88%	2.88%
So. Royalton Elem/High School	44	0	0.00%	44	0	0.00%	55	1	1.82%	52	2	3.85%	48	2	4.17%	49	3	6.12%	2.74%	3.92%
Spaulding HSUD #41	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	262	12	4.58%	262	7	2.67%	232	10	4.31%	256	8	3.13%	3.66%	3.66%
Springfield High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	130	1	0.77%	158	5	3.16%	157	8	5.10%	139	9	6.47%	3.94%	3.94%
St Albans City School	91	0	0.00%	101	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Albans Town Educ. Center	83	0	0.00%	85	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	222	0	0.00%	239	0	0.00%	254	0	0.00%	235	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Middle School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Schools	86	0	0.00%	77	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stamford Elementary School	9	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stowe Middle/High School	72	0	0.00%	53	0	0.00%	61	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	66	0	0.00%	56	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sutton Village School	11	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Thetford Academy	48	0	0.00%	51	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	65	2	3.08%	74	1	1.35%	71	4	5.63%	1.88%	2.55%
Troy School	27	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tunbridge Central School	16	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Twinfield USD #33	46	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	49	1	2.04%	41	1	2.44%	44	1	2.27%	33	1	3.03%	1.61%	2.40%
U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	145	0	0.00%	154	0	0.00%	131	3	2.29%	147	3	2.04%	142	3	2.11%	124	10	8.06%	2.25%	3.49%
Vergennes UHSD #5	115	0	0.00%	102	0	0.00%	121	1	0.83%	105	2	1.90%	88	6	6.82%	113	8	7.08%	2.64%	3.98%
Waits River Valley USD #36	38	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Walden School	13	0	0.00%	13	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Washington Village School	10	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Waterford Elementary School	19	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Weathersfield Middle School	40	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
West Rutland School	24	0	0.00%	37	0	0.00%	31	0	0.00%	33	1	3.03%	38	3	7.89%	29	2	6.90%	3.13%	4.58%
Westford Elementary School	33	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Westshire School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	29	0	0.00%	33	0	0.00%	41	0	0.00%	42	1	2.38%	30	2	6.67%	44	0	0.00%	1.37%	1.91%
Whitingham School	15	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	30	3	10.00%	26	1	3.85%	14	1	7.14%	30	0	0.00%	3.62%	5.00%
Williamstown Middle/High Sch	39	0	0.00%	52	0	0.00%	56	1	1.79%	51	3	5.88%	40	2	5.00%	43	3	6.98%	3.20%	4.74%
Williston Schools	126	0	0.00%	131	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Wilmington Middle High School	23	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	41	0	0.00%	37	1	2.70%	39	1	2.56%	0.92%	1.28%
Windsor High School	45	0	0.00%	64	0	0.00%	81	2	2.47%	112	5	4.46%	102	8	7.84%	90	7	7.78%	4.45%	5.71%
Winooski High School	74	0	0.00%	74	0	0.00%	97	10	10.31%	54	8	14.81%	46	6	13.04%	35	6	17.14%	7.89%	12.93%
Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	124	2	1.61%	120	8	6.67%	101	1	0.99%	133	4	3.01%	3.14%	3.14%
Woodstock Union Middle School	107	0	0.00%	110	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

* Enrollment taken from School Register Data Collection. The total enrollment was adjusted by taking out the number of transfers and deaths.
The total number of dropouts includes those students who dropped out during the school year and the preceding summer.

Graduation /Completion Data

The event completion rate, previously referred to as the graduation rate, continues to remain at the 90% rate \pm 1%. Data from fiscal year 1994 to the present are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Event Completion Rate - Statewide Totals

Year	Total Graduates	Adjusted 12th Grade Enrollment	Completion/Graduation Rate
FY94	5,568	6,255	89%
FY95	6,145	6,885	89%
FY96	5,944	6,671	89%
FY97	6,055	6,784	89%
FY98	6,383	7,076	90%
FY99	6,391	7,048	91%
FY00	6,468	7,192	91%
FY01	6,658	7,437	89%
FY02	6,978	7,749	90%
FY03	6,938	7,625	90%

Event Completion and Longitudinal Completion Rate Data

Table 6: The Event and Longitudinal Completion Rates for school year 2002-2003

School Name	2003 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2003 Event Completion Rate	2003 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals	7625	90%	84%
Arlington Memorial*	45	96%	100%
Bellows Falls UHSD #27*	111	92%	78%
Bellows Free Academy	231	89%	81%
Bellows Free Academy	92	87%	86%
Black River USD #39*	37	97%	82%
Blue Mountain USD #21	37	89%	85%
Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6*	296	78%	85%
Burlington Senior High School	236	87%	73%
Burr & Burton Academy	112	100%	96%
Cabot School	18	100%	95%
Canaan Schools	26	88%	88%
Champlain Valley UHSD #15	278	90%	93%
Chelsea Elem. High School	36	83%	73%
Colchester High School	168	96%	92%
Concord Schools	24	88%	75%
Craftsbury Schools	16	94%	88%
Danville School	37	89%	79%
Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High School*	64	92%	88%
Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	380	96%	89%

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School Name	2003 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2003 Event Completion Rate	2003 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals	7625	90%	84%
Fair Haven UHSD #16	147	88%	87%
Green Mountain UHSD #35	77	96%	85%
Hartford High School	166	96%	82%
Harwood UHSD #19	143	88%	97%
Hazen UHSD #26	62	94%	84%
Lake Region UHSD #24	106	92%	86%
Lamoille UHSD #18	148	91%	83%
Leland & Gray UHSD #34	53	92%	91%
Lyndon Institute	138	93%	84%
Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	183	89%	88%
Mill River USD #40	104	93%	90%
Milton Sr High School	121	98%	75%
Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	189	90%	83%
Montpelier High School	104	89%	88%
Mount Abraham UHSD #28	127	91%	81%
Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	316	81%	74%
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	252	93%	92%
North Country Sr UHSD #22	269	94%	83%
Northfield Middle/High School	71	87%	85%
Ontop	1	100%	50%
Otter Valley UHSD #8	135	87%	79%
Oxbow UHSD #30*	78	92%	72%
Peoples Academy	91	89%	84%
Poultney High School	67	99%	92%
Proctor Jr/Sr High School	32	94%	94%
Randolph UHSD #2	99	94%	85%
Richford Jr/Sr High School*	38	92%	81%
Rivendell Academy	44	95%	82%
Rochester Elem/High School	28	89%	86%
Rutland Senior High School	264	92%	82%
So. Burlington High School	209	90%	83%
So. Royalton Elem/High School	49	90%	90%
Spaulding HSUD #41	256	97%	93%
Springfield High School	139	84%	72%
St. Johnsbury Academy	235	100%	99%
Stowe Middle/High School	56	98%	93%
Thetford Academy	71	93%	88%
Twinfield USD #33	33	94%	84%
U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	124	88%	84%
Vergennes UHSD #5	113	88%	88%
West Rutland School	29	83%	86%
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	44	95%	86%
Whitingham School	30	93%	90%
Williamstown Middle/High School	43	81%	71%
Wilmington Middle High School	39	87%	87%
Windsor High School	90	91%	81%
Winooski High School*	35	71%	85%

School Name	2003 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2003 Event Completion Rate	2003 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals	7625	90%	84%
Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	133	93%	90%

*Because of the high stakes of graduation rate under the No Child Left Behind Act and because of the inaccuracies inherent in estimating cohort graduation rates, some high schools submitted graduation and dropout data tracking individual students from ninth through twelfth grades. This provides those schools with a more accurate cohort graduation rate and is the data reported here. For the class of 2003, schools that submitted this information are: Arlington Memorial HS, Bellows Falls UHS, Black River USD, Brattleboro UHSD, Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High School, Oxbow UHSD #30, Richford Jr/Sr High School, and Winooski High School.

Summary

The annual event dropout rate describes the proportion of students who leave school each year without completing a high school program. The event dropout rates for the school year 2002-2003 of 2.31% for grades 7 through 12th and 3.45% for grades 9 through 12th are at the lowest levels in the past ten years. As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide 7th and 8th grade dropout levels move below .1%, while dropout rates in high schools vary from 2.31% in the 9th grade to 4.64% in the 11th grade. In FY03 the dropout rate for 7th through 12th grades declined compared to FY02 and continued to decline in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 since FY01.

The event completion/graduation rate data for school year 2002-2003 are reported alongside with a longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2003. The event graduation rate represents the number of students enrolled in the senior class who graduate at the end of their senior year. The statewide event graduation rate for school year 02-03 is 90%. This percentage remains constant from the 2001-02 school year. The longitudinal completion rate is an attempt to estimate a cohort rate for a class of students and calculate the percentage of students that complete the high school requirements for receiving a diploma or for receiving a certificate of attendance or other certificate of completion, in lieu of a diploma. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2003 is 84%.

It is important to distinguish the difference between the event graduation rate and the longitudinal completion rate. The event rate is the percentage of twelfth grade students that complete twelfth grade in a given year; it represents a measure of one year. The longitudinal completion rate is intended to mimic a true cohort approach by following consecutive grades through four years; that is, of those students who leave school, what percentage graduated. Until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the estimated cohort rate/ longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

Appendix A - Dropout Reporting Instructions

Summary of School Leaver Status

A Student Who:	Dropout or Classified As Withdrawn?
1. Graduated or received some other recognized credential, such as a certificate of attendance or GED	No
2. Only attended summer school in this school district (was not enrolled during the regular school year).	No
3. Left school without a diploma or other certification after passing age up to which the district was required to provide free, public education	Yes
4. Died	No
5. Gone; status is unknown	Yes
6. Moved to another district in this or some other state, not known to be in school	Yes
7. Moved out of the United States, enrollment status not known	No
8. Transferred, enrolled in:	
Another public school, a private school, or charter school	No
Home Schooling	No
Early college (Baccalaureate or associate's degree)	No
Adult education program not administered by a regular school district	Yes
9. Is in an institution that is not primarily academic (military, possibly Job Corps, corrections, etc) that::	
Offers a secondary education program	No
Does not offer a secondary education program	Yes
10. Is not in school, but known to be:	
Planning to enroll late (e.g., extended family vacation, seasonal work)	No
Ill, verified as legitimate	No
Ill, not verified as legitimate	Yes
Suffering long-term illness and not receiving education services (residential drug treatment, severe physical or mental illness)	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over	Yes
Expelled, no option to return	Yes
Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district	No
11. In a nontraditional education setting, such as hospital/homebound instruction, residential special education, correctional institution, community or technical college.	
Program administered by agency considered a special school district or extension of regular school district	No
Program is off-campus offering of regular school district	No
Program not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education	Yes

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